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What is a Vehicle Identification Number?

Since 1954, American automobile manufacturers have used a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that describes the vehicle for identification purposes. Consisting of 17 characters since 1981, VINs uniquely identify passenger cars, multi-purpose passenger vehicles, trucks, buses, trailers, incomplete vehicles and motorcycles with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less.



Where is the VIN Located?

Beginning in 1970, all passenger cars sold in the United States were assembled with VIN plates attached to the left side of the dash or instrument panel and are visible through the windshield.



There is only one exception to this rule. Prior to 1984, Chevrolet Corvette VIN plates were attached to the left side windshield post. Many imports also have the VIN plate affixed to the left side windshield post.



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